

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

***PATENT***

Assignee: Adaptive Technologies, Inc.      Docket No.: 10079.0100  
Serial No.: 09/504,939      Inventor: Stephens, et al.  
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TITLE: System and Method for Creating,  
Distributing and Managing Artificial  
Agents

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

An Office communication concerning the captioned application was mailed 01 December 2006 regarding a supposed defect in the applicants' reply filed 01 September 2006. Specifically, the Office communication suggested that added claims 70 and 74 depend from claims 69 and 73, respectively, and are therefore not validly within the scope of the restricted species. In response, the applicants, by and through their attorneys, respectfully traverse the suggestion that the 01 September reply was not fully responsive.

**REMARKS**

As stated in the 01 December Office communication and in the 04 August 2006 restriction requirement, group II comprises claims 24-39 and 46-61. This group was elected as evidenced in the 01 December Office communication and in the applicants' 01 September 2006 response to the restriction requirement.

Added claims 70 and 74 depend from added claims 69 and 73, respectively. Added claims 69 and 73 depend from claims 48 and 46, respectively. Claims 48 and 46 are within the elected species. Accordingly, claims 70 and 74 do not depend from an unelected group.

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Office Communication dated 1 December 2006  
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**CONCLUSION**

In summary, all added claims depend from the elected group II and the applicants' 01 September response was fully responsive. The applicants respectfully submit that all claims have been properly submitted and are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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